

An Old Man Came Courting Me

1. For an old man come cour - - ting me,
 Hi down dear - ly day, _____ For an old man come cour - ting me,
 Hi dear - ly day, _____ For an old man come cour - ting me, Pro - mised he'd mar - ry me,
 Last verse only
 Girls for your sake ne - ver wed an old man. _____ For a young man is my de - light,
 Kiss and court all the night. Girls for your sake ne - ver wed an old man. _____

[2. For it's when we got home to tea,
 Hi dearly day,
 For it's when we got home to tea,
 Nothing there could I see,
 Girls for your sake never wed an old man.]

3. For it's when we got into church,
 Hi down dearly day,
 For it's when we got into church,
 Hi dearly day,
 For it's when we got into church,
 All the money he begrudged,
 Girls for your sake never wed an old man.

4. For it when it struck 8 o'clock,
 Hi down dearly day,
 For it when it struck 8 o'clock,
 Hi dearly day,
 For it when it struck 8 o'clock,
 All the doors he did lock,
 Girls for your sake never wed an old man.

5. For when he got into bed,
Hi down dearly day,
For when he got into bed,
Hi dearly day,
For when he got into bed,
He fell like a lump of lead,
Girls for your sake never wed an old man.

6. For it's when he went fast asleep,
Hi down dearly day,
For when he went fast asleep,
Hi dearly day,
For when he went fast asleep,
Out of bed I did creep,
Into the arms of a jolly young man.
For a young man is my delight,
Kiss and court all the night.
Girls for your sake never wed an old man.

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